

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 721 - SB 906**

March 29, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes local governments to use electronically published newspapers to meet the publication requirements for legal notices.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- A number of statutes contain requirements that notices be published in the “newspaper of general circulation,” “some newspaper of the county,” or “newspaper” for the particular area. The provisions of this bill include electronically published newspapers within the definition of these terms.
- Based on a limited survey of newspapers of general circulation, it is not current practice to offer online-only publication options. Each print advertisement is placed on the website of the paper with which the legal notice is published.
- Public notices may currently be viewed electronically on the website of a newspaper of general circulation and on the Tennessee Press Association’s website.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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